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Philippines (Differently)

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The **Philippines**, officially the **Philippine Federation** (Filipino: *Pederasyon ng Pilipinas*; Spanish: *Federación Filipina*), is an archipelagic country in Southeast Asia. Situated in the western Pacific Ocean, it consists of about 7,641 islands that are broadly categorized under three main geographical divisions from north to south: Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The capital city of the Philippines is Manila and the most populous city is San Francisco del Monte, both part of Metro Manila. Bounded by the South China Sea on the west, the Philippine Sea on the east and the Celebes Sea on the southwest, the Philippines shares maritime borders with [Japan](#) to the northeast, [Micronesia](#) to the east, [Malaysia](#) south and southwest, [Vietnam](#) to the west, and [China](#) to the northwest. Its surface area of square kilometres makes [Asia's 20th-](#) and [the world's 79th-largest country](#). With a population of over 107.8 million inhabitants, it is the [seventh-most populous country in Asia](#) and the [15th in the world](#).

The arrival of Ferdinand Magellan, a Portuguese explorer leading a fleet for the Spanish, in Homonhon, Eastern Samar in 1521 marked the beginning of Hispanic colonization. In 1543, Spanish explorer Ruy López de Villalobos named the archipelago Las Islas Filipinas in honour of Philip II of [Spain](#). With the arrival of Miguel López de Legazpi from Mexico City, in 1565, the first Hispanic settlement in the archipelago was

Philippine Federation

Pederasyong Pilipino (Tagalog)
Federación Filipina (Spanish)

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Flag

Coat of arms

Motto:

Maka-Diyos, Maka-tao, Makakalikasan at Makabansa
"For God, People, Nature, and Country"
(Latin: *Pro Deo Populi Natura et Patria*)

Anthem:

Lupang Hinirang
"Chosen Land"



Philippines (green)

Capital	Manila (de jure) Metro Manila (de facto)
Largest city	San Francisco del Monte
Other cities	Cebu City, Davao, Cagayan de Oro, Zamboanga, Bacoor, Angeles, Laoag
Official languages	Filipino • Spanish

established. The Philippines became part of the Spanish Empire for close to 400 years. This resulted in Catholicism becoming the dominant religion. During this time, Manila became the western hub of the trans-Pacific trade connecting Asia with Acapulco in the Americas using Manila galleons.

The Philippines gained independence in 1898 after a successful revolution against Spain. In order to avoid being invaded or annexed by other nations, the Philippines largely relied on [Japan](#) for security in the South Pacific during its early years of existence, the end of the [Anglo-American War](#) and Japan's defeat would weaken the nation's economy and sense of security, forcing the Philippines to build stronger ties with neighbours such as [China](#), [Hawaii](#), [Malaysia](#), [Korea](#) and the nations of [Australia](#).

Religion	82.3% Catholicism 13.5% Buddhism 4.2% Other / None
Demonym(s)	Filipino <i>(masculine and neutral)</i> Filipina <i>(feminine)</i> Pinoy <i>(colloquial masculine and neutral)</i> Pinay <i>(colloquial feminine)</i> Philippine <i>(used for certain common nouns)</i>
Government	Federal constitutional presidential republic
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- President- Prime Minister- Senate- President- House Speaker- Chief Justice	Jesús Robredo Emmanuel Pacquiao Juan Miguel Zubiri Alan Peter Cayetano Antonio Carpio
Legislature	Cortes Generales
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Upper house- Lower house	Senate Congress of Deputies
Independence from Spain	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Declared- Recognized	August 24, 1896 June 12, 1898
Area	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Total	300,000 km ² 115,831 sq mi
Population	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Estimate- 2015 census	107,842,000 (15th) 101,369,495
GDP (PPP)	2022 estimate
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Total- Per capita	\$3.694 trillion \$34,253
GDP (nominal)	2022 estimate
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Total- Per capita	\$1.347 trillion \$12,490
Gini (2022)	37.5 (medium)
HDI (2022)	0.818 (very high)
Currency	Philippine Peso (₱) (PHP)
Date formats	mm/dd/yyyy
Drives on the	right
Internet TLD	.ph
Calling code	+63

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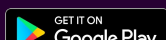
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